

**BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**VIA TELECONFERENCE**

**Minutes of January 6, 2021 (Wednesday)**  
**10:00 am**

**Important Notice Regarding COVID 19**

In accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, the Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) Board Room was closed, and the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) members and staff participated in this meeting via GoToMeeting. In the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing measures, members of the public were provided the opportunity to participate in the meeting electronically and had the right to observe and offer public comment during the meeting.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kari Casey, Jim Dosenbach, Kyle Fliflet, John Gerling, Ann Strahm, Minn Thein, Larry White

**ALSO PRESENT:** Austin Sos (Caltrans); Carla Alviso, Melany Arriola, Sam Becker, Emma Goldsmith, Elisabeth Hahn, Karen Kincy, Cindy Malekos, Stephanie Mora, Isael Ojeda (StanCOG)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Kari Casey called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Isael Ojeda introduced StanCOG's new Assistant Planners, Melany Arriola and Emma Goldsmith.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Motion to Approve Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Minutes of 10/7/20**

**\*By Motion (Member Ann Strahm/John Gerling)** and a unanimous roll call vote, the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee approved the Consent Calendar.

**5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Draft Non-Motorized Transportation Plan**

Isael Ojeda provide background on the update to the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan (NMTP) which was originally developed in 2013. He reported that the plan was completed in three phases and reviewed how input was gathered from public outreach and used to analyze the

NMTP transportation network. He also explained how staff worked with stakeholders and representatives to determine how to prioritize the projects. He stated that the NMTP recommended 224 bikeway projects and 1,215 pedestrian projects across the Stanislaus region. He also reported that the draft NMTP had been posted on the StanCOG website on December 18<sup>th</sup> and that all public comments were due by January 21, 2021. He stated that the document would be presented to the Policy Board at their January meeting. Vice-Chair Gerling praised the draft document and the effort put forth by the StanCOG staff. He also asked about including the Oakdale-Waterford Highway as part of the Regional Non-Motorized Transportation Network. Isael Ojeda said that this would be taken into consideration. A conversation followed, members provided input and had their questions answered.

**B. StanCOG Regional Bicyclist and Pedestrian Safety and Education Campaign Draft Toolkit and Draft Final Summary Report**

Sam Becker provided background on the StanCOG Regional Bicyclist and Pedestrian Safety and Education Campaign which had begun in December 2019. He stated that because of COVID-19, all of the planned public outreach had turned into a virtual format, and that the project website, [www.walkandrollstanislaus.com](http://www.walkandrollstanislaus.com), was created which provided community engagement features. He reported that StanCOG hosted a very successful Zoom regional transportation safety summit in early October, and that the project also deployed advertisement in a variety of forms. He reported on the development of a draft toolkit and draft final report which had been posted on the StanCOG website on December 18<sup>th</sup> and stated that all public comments were due by January 21, 2021. He also said that both drafts would be presented to the Policy Board at their February meeting. A discussion followed, members provided input and praise for the efforts put forth by StanCOG staff.

**C. FY 2019/20 Measure L Annual Report**

Stephanie Mora reported that in FY 2019/20, total Measure L revenue was \$49,998,270 and total expenditures were \$45,898,646 which represented the totals that were reported by each of the jurisdictions as well as the regional funds that were expended by StanCOG for regional projects. She provided a listing of projects from each jurisdiction and stated that a detailed description of the project could be found in the Annual Report. She also provided Measure L project highlights that included a smartphone-enabled application called VAMOS, the groundbreaking for Phase 1 of State Route 132 West project, and the expansion of the VetsVan fleet.

**6. MANAGEMENT REPORT - None**

**7. MEMBER REPORTS**

Chair Casey expressed her concerns regarding Save Mart's pilot project using delivery robots on Oakdale Road and Floyd Avenue. She said the problem was the amount of the sidewalk space they take up, that was also shared with pedestrians. There was a conversation and other members also provided input and shared their concerns.

Vice-Chair Gerling reported on a Caltrans District 10 initiative to create a Bicycle Advisory Committee and reviewed the purpose of the committee. He stated that he would report back to the BPAC as things develop.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Kari Casey adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

***Next Regularly-Scheduled BPAC Meeting:***  
**March 3, 2021 (Wednesday) @ 10:00 am**

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